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## EDITORIAL

### **Bharat Scout and Bharat Guide Badges**

The Bharat Scout and Bharat Guide Badges are the highest distinctions for which a Scout or a Guide should aspire. For the last few years our State

our Association should preferably be holders of Bharat Scout and Bharat Guide Badges, if they are to make a name for themselves and for our Association.

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### **Free Training for Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Rover Scout Leaders, Flock Leaders, Guide Captains & Ranger Leaders**

#### **REMEMBER**

You have to Renew the Registration of your Group for the year 1959-0 before December 1959.

Association has trained only a few Scouts and Guides to qualify for these badges. The Scout masters

and Guide Captains should try their best to train as many Scouts and Guides as possible to qualify for these badges. To represent our Association in All India Jamborees and International Jamborees, the Scouts and Guides of

Our Association is arranging to run free Training Courses for Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Rover Scout Leaders, Flock Leaders, Guide Captains and Ranger Leaders. The permission has already been applied for

from the National Headquarters at New Delhi. As soon as the necessary permission has been obtained the Camps will be started. This free Training is also open for persons who have not already had Scout or Guide Training or have not been a Scout or Guide. It is hoped that this free Training will enable the trainees to start open Groups.

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### Our Commissioner honoured

Sri S. V. Lakshmanan, District Commissioner (Scouts), Salem District, has been honoured by the National Headquarters by an award of 'Long Service Medal' for the good services rendered by him to the Association. I congratulate him on the confirmation on him of this distinction. I trust that he will serve our Association for many years.

—Editor—

## The Good Old Days

Some of us, as we get older, become dangerous. We make a habit of talking about the "Good Old Days", and imply that the Present Days are poor affairs in comparison. Of course those days of our youth were good, but there were plenty of good days before we were born, and there will be plenty of good days after we were dead.

We may excuse ourselves by recalling the tracker's advice to look back occasionally; that is a sound rule provided we do not forget that the trackers' business is to go forward and not backwards.

Constantly looking back is dangerous habit on any road, and once we fall into it, we should recognise that the time

has come for us to stop obstructing the traffic. There is every opportunity for men of all ages (short of the senile) to work for Scouting BUT EACH MUST BE STERN WITH HIMSELF AND THINK OUT WHAT IS THE JOB FOR WHICH HE IS NOW BEST FITTED, NOT WHAT HE COULD BEST DO TWENTY YEARS AGO. It may be a very minor kind of Service that can be rendered now owing to declining vigour (of mind as well as body), but we should be happy to do that as well as we can and not impede others by looking back over the trail too frequently.

OLDER MEN HAVE THEIR PLACE IN SCOUTING, BUT THE WORK IS DONE BY

THE BOYS AND BY YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN. THEY NEED ALL THE ENCOURAGEMENT AND PRAISE WE CAN GIVE THEM. We must keep youth at the helm while we swab the decks or do any minor job that comes our way. Their day is as good and possibly better than ours. If we can keep this attitude of mind towards them, we shall not become Prize bores by constantly talking about what we did and how we did it.

Unhappily we can fall victims to two of our deadly sins, pride and envy. Just because we have come through our experiences without any major disaster (as far as we know), we come to believe that our way must be the only way and any change is bound, *ipso facto*, to be wrong. That is pride. Or, in our heart of hearts we are jealous of these young fellows who strive often very hard doing their little bit; we regret our vanished youth; so we get super-critical and throw the sand of our envy into the machinery. We forget that in our day we took risks and were

ready to try anything once, nor did we always heed our elders.

The wonder of Scouting is that it still has that irresistible magnetism that draws Boys into its Packs and Troops and compels young men and women to come forward and give a good deal of their valuable time to the service of Boys. We older Scouts and Commissioners can do a lot to make their job easier,—not so much by advice, for they will probably ignore it just as we ignored sometimes the advice of our seniors, but by doing as much of the routine work we can, thus their youth and energy, their idealism and high spirits can have full play, until the time comes when they in their turn will realise that they can no longer give the boys all they need; they too must take way for another generation of young leaders. This is a truth that must always be kept in mind; SCOUTING DEPENDS ON YOUTH.

—By E. E. REYNOLDS  
from the "Outdoor Life"

## From Here And There

### Youth Carnival.

The Prime Minister inaugurated the Youth Carnival on the 28th March, 1959 at the Exhibition Grounds, Mathura Road, New Delhi. Stressing on the desirability of self-reliance on the part of Voluntary Organisations he assured that the government would certainly be happy to extend any support to such self-reliant bodies. He also exhorted the Youth of the country to take to a life of adventure, which alone can equip them to be useful citizens of the world.

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### Commemorative Stamps.

The Government of Philipines have decided to issue postage stamps to commemorate the Tenth World Jamboree. All those who are interested in purchasing the same are requested to communicate with the State Headquarters.

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### Princess Anne to Join Girl Guide Movement.

Princess Anne, who will be nine in August, is to join the International Girl Guide Movement, it was announced in London on May 20. The Princess will have as her companions children from all walks of life.

She will become a member of the Junior section of the movement—the Brownies—and will

join the 1st Buckingham Palace-Browine Pack, in which her aunt, Princess Margaret, enrolled on its formation in 1937. It was in that year that the Queen, then Princess Elizabeth became a Guide in the 1st Buckingham Palace Guide Company.

Before she is enrolled, Princess Anne and recruits to the Pack will attend a four-week training course.

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### London to have Baden-Powell Statue.

What will probably be the first statue of the late Lord Baden-Powell to be erected in the United Kingdom is a nine-foot-high stone figure of the founder of the Scout Movement, commissioned by the London Scout Council, for Baden-Powell House, which is to be built in South Kensington, London.

Mr. Donald Potter, who has has been commissioned to sculpt the statue, has chosen a six-ton piece of Cornish granite for the task. He estimates that it will take him two years to complete it. Mr. Potter was at one time on the staff at Gilwell Park, the Scout Leaders' training centre, and knew Baden-Powell personally. He has already completed a double life-size bust of "B.-P.", which stands in a public square in Dominica. It is believed to be the only statue of B-P. to have been erected in a public place.

**New Chief of Boy Scouts**

Sir Charles Hector Fitzroy Maclean, 43 year old former Scouts Guards Officer and 27th Chief of the Clan Maclean, was elected on 9th July 1959 at London as Chief Scout designate of Boy Scout Movement to succeed Lord Rowallan who

has been Chief Scout of the Commonwealth and British Empire since 1944 and who retires in September 1959.

Sir Charles will be the fourth Chief Scout since Lord Baden-Powell founded the movement 50 years ago.

## News from the State Headquarters

*Assistant State Organising Commissioner (Guides)*

Kumari S. Bakkiamuthu, Assistant State Organising Commissioner (Guides), resigned from 11th June 1959.

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*Assistant Deputy Camp Chiefs (Guides)*

The following are appointed as Assistant Deputy Camp Chiefs (Guides):—

Srimathi A. Gurupatham, Gudiyatham, North Arcot District.

Srimathi Gowri Rajagopalan, Madras.

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*Deputy Camp Chiefs (Guides)*

The following are appointed as Deputy Camp Chiefs (Guides):—

Kumari C. John, State Organising Commissioner (Guides), Madras.

Kumari S. Gnanamanikkam, Madurai.

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*Rovers deputed to Rover Moot and Service at the 17th International Scout Conference at Delhi.*

Sri T. G. Gopalakrishnan, Rover 1st Sea Scout Group, East Madras District.

Sri C. V. Santhanakrishnan,

Sri P. V. Sankaran, Rover Scout. Madurai District.

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*Annual Meeting of the State Council :*

Will be held during the first week of September 1959 -  
Await details.

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*Meetings of the State Executive Committee :*

The State Executive Committee met on 4th & 15th July, '59.

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*Award :*

The State Chief Commissioner has been pleased to  
award the 'LONG SERVICE MEDAL' to Sri S. V. Laksh-  
manan, District Commissioner (Scouts), Salem District.

## HIMALAYA SCOUT WOOD BADGE PART—TWO COURSE

(23rd April to 4th May 1959) Certificates issued.

CERTIFICATE NO. & DATE	NAME
20/MAS-59 1-7-1959	Sri K. S. Neelakantan, Madras City
21/MAS-59 1-7-1959	Sri S. Hanumantha Rao, Amarapur (Andhra Pradesh)
22/MAS-59 1-7-1959	Sri V. S. Ramasubramanian, Madurai District
23/MAS-59 1-7-1959	Sri S. Shanker, Bombay.
24/MAS-59 1-7-1959	Sri S. G. Ranganadham, Madras City
25/MAS-59 1-7-1959	Sri L. Sreeraman, Chingleput District
26/MAS-59 1-7-1959	Sri S. Sowrirajan, South Arcot District.
27/MAS-59 1-7-1959	Sri S. Thangaraj, Nilgiris.
28/MAS-59 1-7-1959	Sri K. John Daniel, Chingleput District
29/MAS-59 1-7-1959	Sri S. Veerakesari, Salem District,
30/MAS-59 1-7-1959	Sri B. Balaji Singh, Prodattur (Andhra Pradesh)
31/MAS-59 1-7-1959	Sri R. Venkatesan, Madras City.

32/MAS-59 1-7-1959	Sri K. S. Janakiraman, North Arcot District.
33/MAS-59 1-7-1959	Sri Chivukula Viswanadham, Ongole (Andhra Pradesh)
34/MAS-59 1-7-1959	Sri A. S. Ananthasubramanian, Coimbatore District
35/MAS-59 1-7-1959	Sri P. R. Subramanian, Madurai District
36/MAS-59 1-7-1959	Sri John A. Lucas, Bangalore (Mysore State)

## To All District and Assistant District Commissioners (Guides) and Secretaries.

**Sub: Celebration of Jubilee Jamboree of Guiding in United Kingdom - participation of.**

The Commissioner, Commonwealth Headquarters, Great Britain has sent an invitation to the Guides and Rangers of the Bharat Scouts and Guides to participate in the Jubilee Jamboree of Guiding which the Girl Guide Association in Great Britain are celebrating in the year 1960. Our Guides will be welcome there in the month of August 1960. The Guides will receive hospitality for two weeks and will be camping for a week free of charge.

The invitation extended to the Bharat Scouts and Guides by the Commonwealth Headquarters of the Girl Guide Association of Great Britain for participation in the Golden Jubilee has been accepted by our National Headquarters.

It is understood that the National Headquarters is not in a position to make any financial assistance in the matter.

The following are the details regarding the Celebrations :—

Date :	August 1960 (three weeks)
Place :	Different camps will be arranged at different places in U.K.
Age :	Between 18 and 25 years.
Hospitality :	Two weeks hospitality in Guide Homes and one week in camp under canvas has been very kindly offered by the Girl Guides Association Commonwealth Headquarters.
Qualifications :	1st Class Guide or Ranger.

The total expenditure for this would be passage to England (Rs. 1,870/- return fare by sea and Rs. 3,600/- return fare by air), Railway fare in England and pocket money. Total cost comes to nearly Rs. 4,200/- if the Contingent goes by air and Rs. 2,500/- if it goes by sea. These are of course approximate estimates.

Please let us know if any of your Guides/Rangers would like to participate in the above celebrations. The Information may kindly be sent to the undersigned before 15th August 1959 with a copy of the same to our State Commissioner (Guides).

P. R. GANAPATHY PILLAI

*Honorary State Secretary*

## News from the National Headquarters

### *New Books available :*

A.P.R.O. Part I & Part II (Revised Edition) Latest Scheme of Training (Scouts) - 1959 - 0-37nP. each.

### *17th International Scout Conference-Souvenir :*

The Official Journal of the National Headquarters will be published during the 17th International Conference (Scouts). The copy will be priced Rs. 2. D.A.s/L.As. Commissioners and others who desire to purchase a copy are requested to remit Rs. 2/- to the State Headquarters when efforts will be made to procure a copy for them as only a limited number is to be printed.

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### *Awards :*

Awards of Gallantry: Gilt Medal: to

Sri C. J. Bhoj Raj

Sri Yelpula Maralu

„ C. H. Ramakrishna

„ G. O. Bheemayya

„ J. Kistnayya

„ K. Santayya

„ Meda Pachan

„ M. Prabhu Das

„ B. Maralu

„ Arul Das

„ N. Narasayya

„ Syed Mahboob

„ Salva Ranga

„ L. Samayya

of Andhra Pradesh - for gallant rescue work during the boat disaster on 10th April 1957, at Godaveri-Bhadrachalam.



Certificate of Gallantry: to

Srimati Sandya Guha Roy and Kumari Depti Sen Gupta of West Bengal - for help rendered to a lady in her confinement in a running train.

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Silver Elephant: to Rao Bahadur Rajasevaprakashta M. Ramaswamy of Mysore - for services to the movement of the most exceptional character.

Silver Star: to

Sri K. S. Seshadri of Madras State - for special distinguished services.

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Bar to Medal of Merit: to

Sri Rameshwar Kalita - Assistant Organising Commissioner Assam - Sri S. Niranjan K. Biswas, Group Leader (Scouts) and Sri P. K. Chatterjee - Scoutmaster of West Bengal - for further outstanding service.

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Medal of Merit: to

Sri S. S. Arthal

„ N. Suryanarayana

„ S. Krishnappa

„ Syed Mustafa

„ N. Lakshminarasimayya

„ D. J. Fernandez

„ Hanumantharao

„ Y. K. Thimmarasiah

„ G. T. Shantaraj

Sri C. Ramachandra Rao

„ Sastry

„ A. V. Srikantiah

„ M. S. Hanumantha

„ N. Krishnasastri

„ H. Ramappa

„ Muniswamappa

„ H. Dattari

Kumari D. P. Teresa

Srimathi Leela Aruldas

of Andhra Pradesh for outstanding services.

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## TO SCOUTERS

### Manpower

We must ask ourselves a most pertinent question: "Are we making the best and most economical use of manpower we already possess? and we believe that the answer is "NO". Although the following points are not new, we are convinced that they should once more be brought to the notice of the Movement.

Our aim can be expressed in the slogan "THE RIGHT MAN FOR THE RIGHT JOB AT THE RIGHT TIME". The only valid test in Scouting is fitness for the job. It does not follow that a successful Scouter of a section, who knows how to LEAD boys will make a good Commissioner. No one should feel or say that "he has been overlooked or not promoted". It is good thing for a Scouter to change his job, for otherwise he may grow stale. All Scouters should, say, once in five years ask themselves the question, "how best could I serve the Movement NOW?"—with emphasis on the last word.

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### Instructors

The Scouters' part in training of their Scouts should be mainly pastoral, helping to develop their characters and giving them that friendship and feeling of security and of being understood which (it is becoming more and more clear)

matter so much to the Boys as he grows into manhood. Such individual attention requires time, and the Scouters time is too often misused by instruction. In the early days of the Movement, many Troops used Instructors to great effect and it is high time that their importance should again be realised. We believe that there are thousands of men and women who rightly not consider themselves suitable to be Warranted Scouters, who would yet most willingly and indeed enthusiastically give an hour or two a week to instructing a few boys in First-Aid or Signalling or say Mapping which very few people *really* know.

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### Lay People

We who flatter ourselves that we train our boys to be observant must ourselves be constantly on the look out for lay people who will help to resolve the manpower shortage by relieving Warranted Scouters of many of their tasks which take them for all too many hours away from the boys. This applies to a great variety of jobs in the Local Associations and their Committees as Badge Examiners and Instructors. Commissioners and Group Scoutmasters must always be on the look-out for such qualified men and women and offer them suitable work. Lay people are often

the best recruiting agents for others like themselves, and often it is the boys to find someone new to him for his testing.

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### Drill

Drill has its uses and properly handled can contribute its part to Scouting since all our formations and ceremonials depend on drill as a basis. Movements of units must be co-ordinated whether we are or not. Slovenly methods have no place in Scouting and if our actions can be smartened and improved by drill, let us use it. Our normal appearance on public occasions is too often a matter for reproach and we, ostrich-like hide our heads under cover of the remark that "of course they do not understand our methods." This is not correct and there is no excuse for slackness either in public or in private.

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### Why Few Leaders

The reason there are so few leaders among men and women is because there are so few leaders among boys and girls. Think this over and over again. Scouter! here is a chance for you to help the Nation in the

right way through Good Scouting.

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### Badge Tests

The Standard of tests is of the utmost importance; a low standard spoils the ideals of Scouting for boy and girl. The Scouts take this game seriously and should we mock them by asking a few trivial questions, patting them on the back and handing them a certificate, we make them dishonest by the wearing of badges not rightly earned.

We, not they, thus lower the whole standard of Scouting in the eyes of the public.

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### First Class Scout

What is he? Surely just a First Class person, and all our training from the moment a recruit joins is to make him or her into THAT. Make this quite clear to every Scout from the start and again and again throughout his or her training and show him or her that character, manners and the general scout outlook on life are more essential than efficiency, and tests cannot be taken unless evidence of these things is shown.

## Troop Programme Building

*(Adapted from Principles of Scoutmastership B.S.A.)*

**Considerations :** First, It should be realised that no outsider can ever make a successful programme for your troop. Second, regardless of how complex a situation you may face in your troop, Scouting offers sufficient material to meet the situation. In other words there is no situation so complex or seemingly so devoid of hope that Scouting has not the means to make a successful programme to meet that condition of affairs.

**Who should make the programme :** It should probably be easier to tackle if we state as to who should not make the programme for your troop. It should not be made by adults. It should not be made by the Scoutmaster acting alone, or by the Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters acting together. If adults alone make the programme you cannot expect willing or intelligent boy-participation.

On the other hand the programme should not be made by the boys alone. Boy-made programmes tend to run off into undesirable by-ways.

**Entire Troop too Unwieldy :** The entire Troop is too large a unit ever to get any where in programme making. We must, however, set up a situation which causes every

boy in the Troop to feel that he has had a share in making the programme. This can be accomplished in several ways. We can encourage Patrol discussions as to what should go into the Troop Programme so that each boy gets a chance in his Patrol to express his likes and dislikes freely, feeling that his Patrol Leader will carry the discussion into the Court of Honour and there represent him.

### **Gain Confidence of all :**

There is another in which we can take the whole Troop into our confidence in making programmes. Present alternative programmes any one of which you should be perfectly willing to accept. Ask the Troop "Shall we do this or shall we do that"? When the troop has had a chance to vote, they are quite sure they did it, that they have been responsible for creating the programme. So you secure what you want because you have made up your mind beforehand you would just as soon have either alternative, and what is more important, the Troop feels it has been taken into your confidence.

**Troop Programme Committee (Court of Honour) :** If the programme is not to be made by adults alone, if it is not to be made by the

Troop as a whole, if it is not to be made by boys alone, who is to make it? The making of a Troop Programme should be in the hands of a relatively Committee consisting of the Scoutmaster, the Assistant Scoutmasters, the Troop

Leader and the four Patrol Leaders if the Troop is a normal sized Troop and if necessary a representative from the Parents' Committee (Troop or Group Committee.)

—By "EAGLE"

## All India Scout Commissioners' and Secretaries' Conference

### Group III Training

*(Continued from Previous Issue)*

The following are the recommendations of the Conference of the Commissioners' and State Secretaries' held at New Delhi on the 14th and 15th February 1959.

(a) **TENDERFOOT** — After joining a Troop normally a boy should complete his Tenderfoot Test and be invested within three months. Under exceptional circumstances the Scout Master may allow him upto one month more.

**SECOND CLASS**—a Scout should complete his Second Class badge within a maximum period of one year from the date of investiture.

**FIRST CLASS**—A Scout should complete his First Class badge within two years from the date of investiture. A boy is expected to be a Bharat Scout within his Scout age.

(b) **TENDERFOOT** — Uses of staff, staff and foot drill including marching be included in Tenderfoot tests.

**EXPLORER BADGE**—Among the qualifying badges for jungle goph and Bharat Scout, "the Explorer Badge" be also included.

**HIKERS BADGE**—Mileage be 100 miles. The hike to be completed within a year.

(c) Emphasis on Marching and Foot Drill should be laid in Scouters' Training Courses.

(d) **SEA SCOUTING**—To start with special emphasis should be laid on developing Sea Scouting in coast areas, rivers and lake banks. More Sea Scoutmasters' Courses be organised by the National Headquarters.

Air Scouting } Be developed  
Handicapped } all over India.  
Scouting }

**ROVER SCOUTING AND OLD SCOUT BRANCH**—Need special attention. More training courses for Rover Leaders and Scoutmasters to train handicapped Scouts should be organised.

Old Scouts branches should be started in every district. A regular programme and organisation for old Scouts should be drawn up for the guidance of the District and State Associations.

(e) **PATROL SYSTEM**—should be followed in the Scouters' Training Camps in every respect. Commissioners when visiting troops should see that the Troops are being run on the Patrol system.

(f) Methods in Cub Training should be distinctly different from that of Scout training. More lady Cubmasters should be trained and invited to run packs.

Each Troop should adopt a Cub Pack if it has not got one as a part of its group. Similarly, the Cubmasters should establish a contact with a Scout Troop to send his Cubs. The Cubmaster and Scoutmaster should interchange visits and take active part in training and testing some subjects so that the Cubs should know the Scoutmaster and be eager to join his Troop when leaving the Pack.

Special emphasis should be laid on the going up ceremony.

A badge like the 'Leaping wolf' should be revived, if necessary, under a new name. At special ceremonies, Pack should be invited by the Troop.

In the Cub Scouters Training Camp, the importance of Training Cubs in 1st and 2nd Star and in proficiency badge tests should be emphasised.

Both Scouts and Cubs should know syllabus for various proficiency badges. Cubmaster should make some efforts to get the services of Scoutmasters. Rovers and others to act as instructors until he is in a position to do so himself.

Uniform specimen statistic forms should be prepared and kept at National, State, District, Local Association and Group levels.

Definite months should be fixed for Groups to submit Statistics to the Local Associations, Local Associations to District Associations, District Associations to State and then from State to National Headquarters.

Uniformity in the standard, method and details of teaching of Cub and Scoutcraft, drill, words of commands, ceremonies, signals and uniform should be emphasised.

Hobby workshop—Efforts should be made to establish, at all training centres and in big towns and cities, workshop

for Hobbies with the help of some special grants from the Government of India, Ministry for Education.

**COMMISSIONERS' TRAINING**—Essential. Training period should not be more than 3 working days. If possible, they may also be invited

to Scout gatherings, troop meetings, Commissioners' Conferences. special talks, demonstrations, and group inspections. Well illustrated handbooks for Commissioners, and of ceremonials and signals should be published by the National Headquarters.

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## STORY OF DUTCH

How far the friendly policy of the Boy Scouts will go to retrieve a miscreant by positive measures is indicated in the story of Dutch.

“ ‘Dutch was clearly headed for trouble,’ writes a correspondent from the Midwest. He had shoplifting ways, had visited the juvenile court and had been put on probation by the judge, on condition that he join a Boy Scout troop.

“ Dutch joined the Raccoon Patrol, But the old unfortunate habit persisted. While in the home of another Scout during a patrol meeting, he pocketed some jewelry

“ The Raccoons called an emergency meeting. They deliberated.

“ Then they had Dutch meet with them. They told him they knew what he had done and that they were sorry, because they had counted on him to be a dependable member of the patrol.

“ ‘ We like you, Dutch, and we want you to stay with us,’ their spokesman declared. ‘So we’ve decided to give you one more chance on two conditions. First, you’ve got to take the jewelry back and apologize. Second, you must give us your promise, on your Scout honour, that from now on you’ll live up to the Oath and Law.

“ ‘ If you do that we’ll stick by you and help you all we can and forget what’s happened, What’s more, we’ve decided that if we expect you to be trustworthy we have to trust you. So we’ve elected you patrol treasurer. If you accept, here’s tonight’s dues.’ ”

“ Dutch was crying by now. But he accepted. He made good as treasurer. Then he made good as a businessman. Today he holds a responsible position, the reason for this being - as he himself admits - that at a critical moment of his life, ‘ someone dared trust me. ’ ”

—Scouting-B.S.A.—

